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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Application No. 10/622,124; Filed: July 18, 2003  
For: **Ghrelin-Carrier Conjugates**  
Inventors: BACHMANN *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1700.00340001/TJS/T-M/KMH

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of **\$1110.00** to cover the three (3) month extension of time; and
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

***The above-listed documents are filed electronically through EFS-Web.***

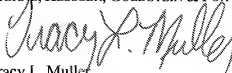
In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The filing of the above-mentioned extension of time is intended to keep the subject application pending for the filing of a continuation application.

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Respectfully submitted,

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